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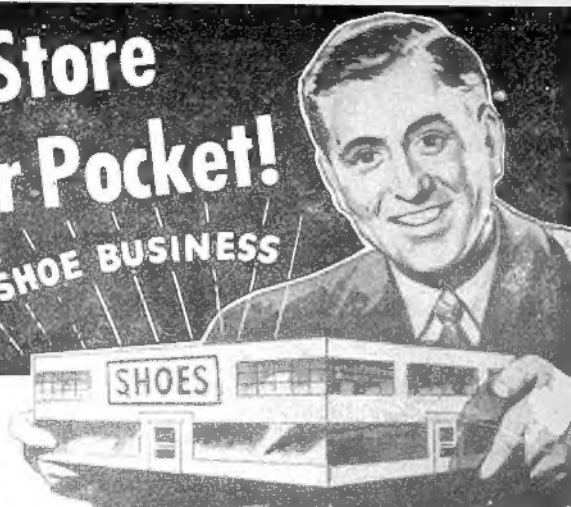
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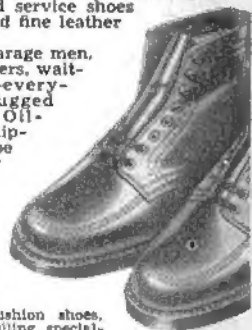
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Age

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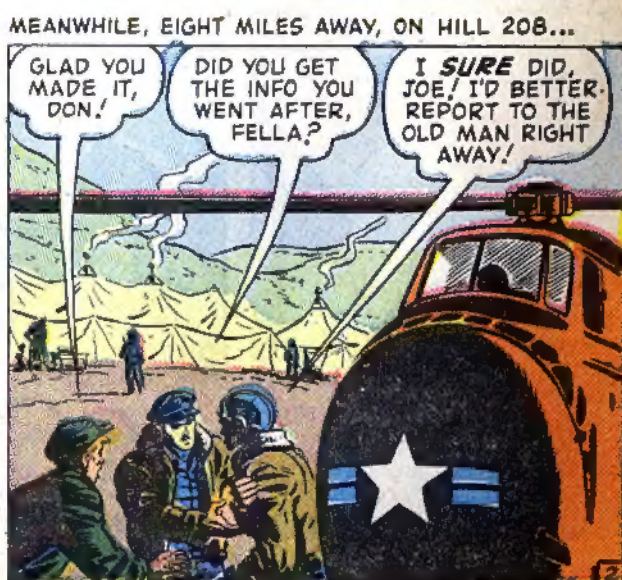
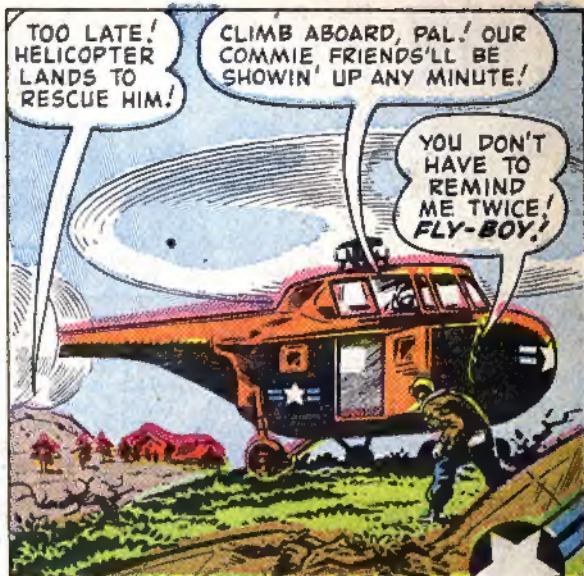
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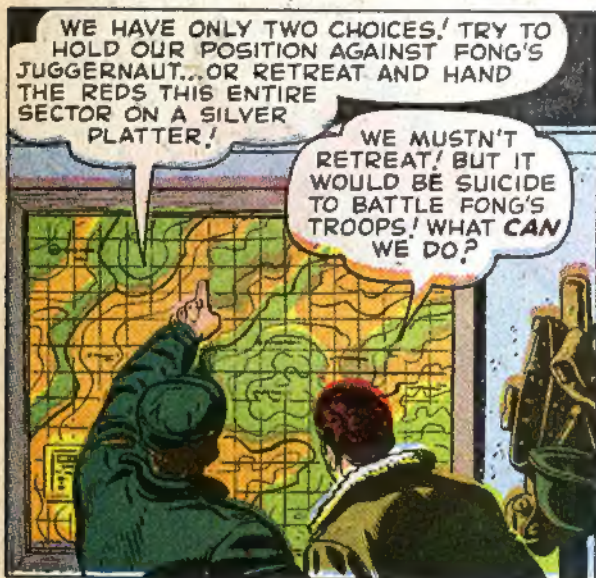
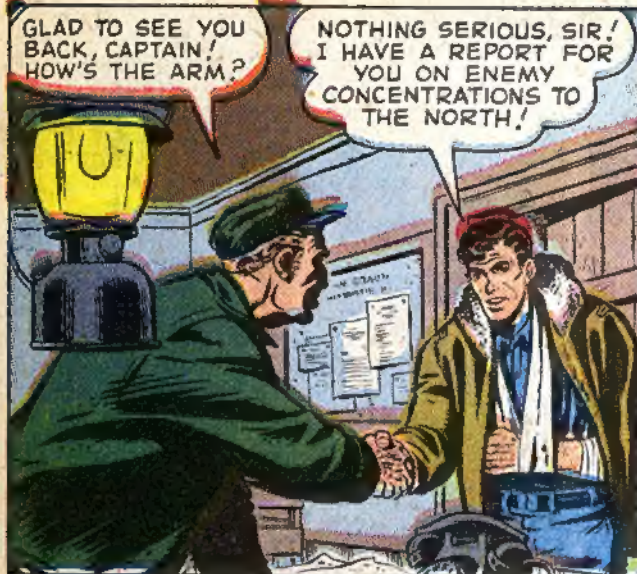
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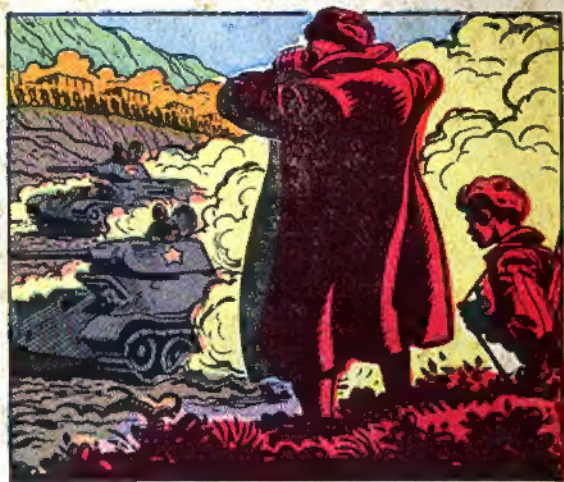




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HAVE KNOCKED OUT
FOURTEEN RED
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US BY SHEER
MAN POWER!



CAPTAIN! HAVE ARTILLERY FIRE AT
WILL! DESTROY AMERICAN POSITION!
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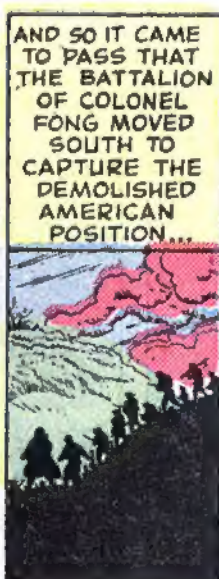
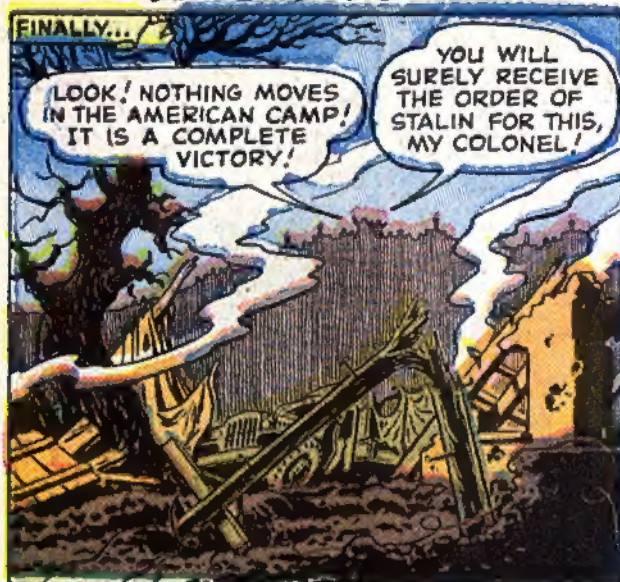
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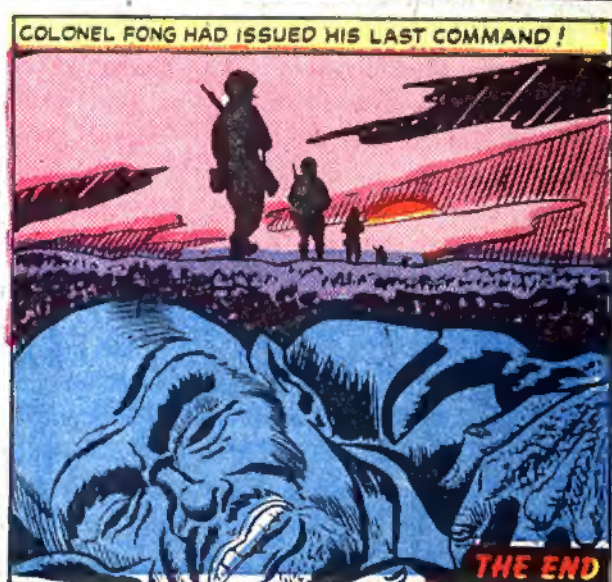


DO OUR SHELLS
FIND THEIR
MARK?

I CANNOT YET SAY, MY
COLONEL! WE MUST
WAIT UNTIL THE SMOKE
CLEARS!







THE OPERA GOES TO WAR

THE U. S. Destroyer "Swordfisher" was the latest type of fighting boat in her class. Like day differs from night, so different was she from the tin can variety of destroyer back in World War I days. As Admiral John Hogan said the day she was launched.

"The most important thing about a fighting boat is the spirit of the men on her. Of what good is it to have the latest type of equipment if the men are cowards, spineless, and stupid? The American Navy has the best ships and the best men. That makes a team you just can't beat in time of peace or war."

Maybe if Captain Ho-Shee of the Korean People's Army had been present to hear those words he would never have cooked up the crazy plan he had in his warped mind. The "Swordfisher" took her shake-down cruise with the Mediterranean Fleet. Then she was ordered to go to Korea. Captain Howard Wilson was in charge of the destroyer and he had a group of tough fighting men aboard. At Los Angeles a message went out to the "Swordfisher" when she hit Pacific waters.

"Navy plane will contact you and give you new communication officer. Spot to pick him up will be radioed later in Code-B."

Seaman Dave Midon was in charge of his group of anti-air-

craft boys. He watched the large navy plane hit the water and then taxi to a stop.

"This is something I've never seen before. Could only try it on a calm day. Wonder what's so important about this navy guy that we got to pick him up?"

A boat went out from the destroyer to pick up Lieutenant Fred Redstone, U. S. N. and a lot of his special baggage. He climbed aboard the destroyer and was greeted by his best friend, Captain Howard Wilson.

"This is a most pleasant surprise to have you with me. The Navy is getting very secret in all of her plans. They didn't even tell me the name of the officer I was getting."

The new officer met the men and they eyed him carefully. They saw a thin youngish man probably not more than twenty-four years of age. He looked friendly enough.

"Wonder just what his assignment is?" said Seaman Dave Midon to his buddy, Joe Campione. "I heard all kinds of stories about this boat. The grapevine has it the Navy is going to try a lot of new ideas out on us."

In his private quarters, Captain Howard Wilson looked at the sealed orders given to him by Lieutenant Fred Redstone. He read them once, twice, and

stopped after the fifth time with a puzzled look on his face.

"If I didn't see it here in black and white, I wouldn't believe it could be! Who in the Navy ever dreamed up this brainstorm?"

The Lieutenant smiled before he answered. He knew exactly how the Captain felt and what would be the reaction of the men aboard the destroyer.

"I understand it was the wife of Admiral Hogan who made the suggestion. Thought it would be a good thing for morale to have the men listen to good music. So she picked the operas and I have three of them with me in recordings. They are going to get it via the loudspeakers and the inter-coms. That means that while they are on duty with their headphones they will have to listen to the operas. They will, in fact, have no choice but to listen because those phones must be connected to get orders at any time."

The Captain knew his crew and understood they would rather have jazz or hillbilly music. But an order was an order and the tradition of the American Navy was to follow orders. There was but one consolation. This plan wasn't to go into effect until they did patrol duty in Korea.

The "Swordfisher" reached Inchon, refueled, and took on needed supplies. Then Captain

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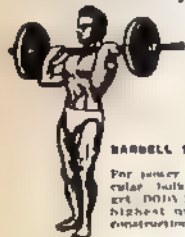
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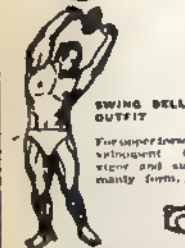
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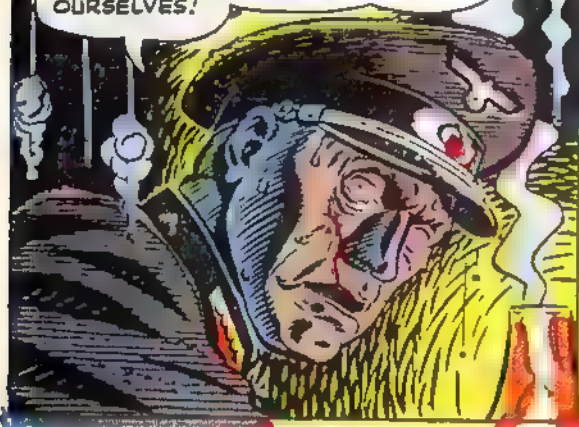
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TURNING POINT



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MY NAME?...IT DOESN'T MATTER! THIS IS APRIL OF 1945...THE FATHERLAND HAS BEEN DESTROYED IN THE FLAMES WITH WHICH IT SOUGHT TO ENVELOP THE WORLD! OUR CRIMES ARE BEING VISITED UPON OURSELVES!



'BUT I REMEMBER YET ANOTHER DAY, IN JULY OF 1939, WHEN THE PEACE OF THE WORLD TREMBLED WHILE A MADMAN SPOKE...



THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR US, AND WE SHALL COME! WE SHALL CONQUER! THE GODS HAVE DECREED THAT GERMANY SHALL HOLD THE FATE OF THE WORLD! ON SEPTEMBER FIRST WE STRIKE OUR FIRST BLOW AT POLAND!



YOU DO NOT AGREE, HERR GENERAL? YOU SHAKE YOUR HEAD AND YOUR BONES CLANK TOGETHER! WHAT IS THERE TO DETER US? WHAT?



I CANNOT ARGUE WITH MY FUEHRER! I CAN ONLY ADVISE! POLAND HAS A TREATY WITH ENGLAND! ATTACK IN THAT DIRECTION WILL MEAN DEFENSE IN ANOTHER! WE ARE NOT READY TO FIGHT THE WORLD...NOT YET, ANYWAY!



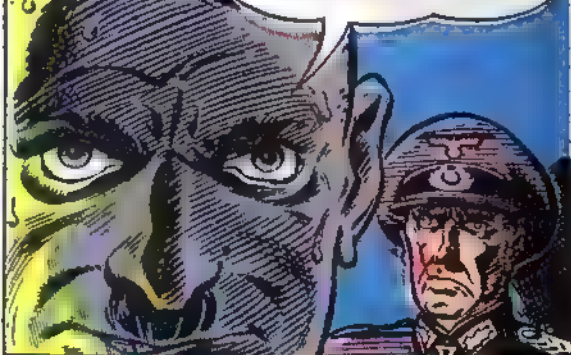
REICHSMARSCHAL GOERING... ARE WE READY? VON PAPEN, ARE WE READY? JODL... SPEER... SCHELLENBERG, ARE WE READY?



ACH, OF COURSE, MEIN FUEHRER! THERE IS NO QUESTION! THE LUFTWAFFE IS ALWAYS READY... AND SO ARE THE REST OF OUR FORCES!

I SAW IT THEN...A MEGALOMANIAC, A MADMAN PREPARED TO PLUNGE THE WORLD IN FLAMES, AND YET WE FOLLOWED HIM AND ACQUIESCED...

FEAR IS NOT A GERMAN WORD! INVINCIBLE IS A GERMAN WORD! DID THESE ROTTEN WEAK DEMOCRACIES RAISE THEIR HANDS WHEN WE SWALLOWED CZECHOSLOVAKIA? NO! NOR SHALL THEY WHEN WE SWALLOW POLAND!



AND ON THAT FATEFUL DAY OF SEPTEMBER, THE GERMAN ARMY, LED BY MYSELF AND OTHERS, INVADIED POLAND...

THE DIE IS CAST! THERE IS NO TURNING BACK NOW...NO RETREAT! THE FATE OF GERMANY AND THE WORLD IS SEALED!

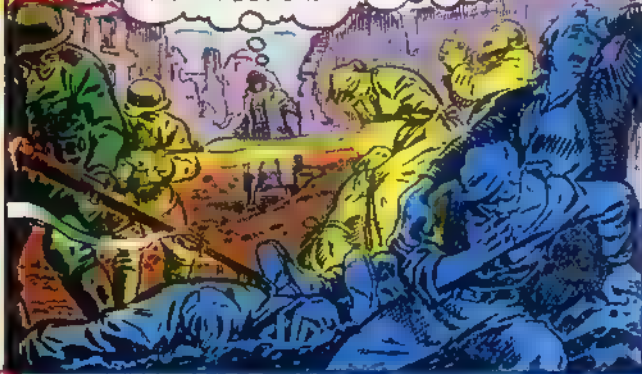


POLAND FELL LIKE A RIPE PLUM! OUR ADVANCE AGENTS HAD DONE THEIR WORK WELL...THE ARMY DISINTIGRATED, THE AIR FORCE DIDN'T EXIST, THE NATION CEASED TO EXIST...



I WAS ON THE STREETS OF WARSAW AND POSEN AND LODZ, AND I SAW MY NAZI BRETHREN STAIN THEIR HANDS WITH INNOCENT BLOOD...

SO THIS IS THE FUEHRER'S NEW KULTUR! WELL, WHO AM I TO STOP IT? THE GANGRENE HAS ENTERED THE BLOOD OF OUR PEOPLE AND NOT EVEN AMPUTATION WILL ARREST THE INFECTION!



EVENTS MOVED SWIFTLY! BRITAIN AND FRANCE DECLARED WAR ON THE REICH, BUT WERE INCAPABLE OF TAKING THE OFFENSIVE! IN APRIL, 1940, I RETURNED TO BERLIN...

THERE IS NO LONGER A SEMBLANCE OF ORDER OR SANITY! THE VICTORY IN POLAND HAS CONVINCED HIM HE NO LONGER NEEDS A GENERAL STAFF!

YOU HAVE BEEN NOTHING, MY DEAR VON KRUEGER! I UNDERSTAND A NEW FANTASY IS NOW BREWING! SHALL WE GO IN?

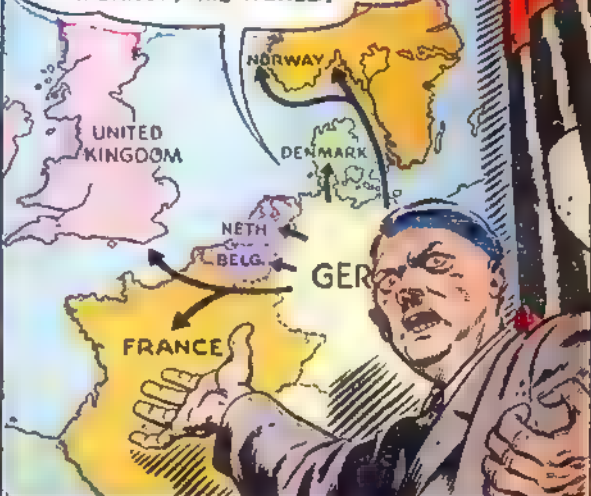


NOTHING CAN STOP THE NEW ORDER NOW! DECISIVE ACTION HAS PARALYZED OUR TOTING ENEMIES! WATCH... JUST WATCH THE PROGRAM UNFOLD! DRAW BACK THE CURTAIN, MEIN LIEBER GOEBBELS!

JAWOHL, MEIN FUEHRER!



THERE! LOOK AND BE PROUD OF THE FATHERLAND! TODAY, POLAND... TOMORROW, THE WORLD!



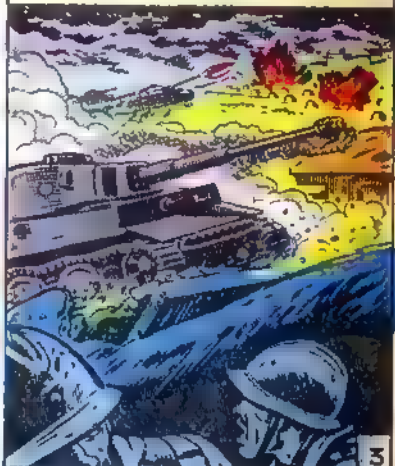
ON APRIL 9TH, THE INVINCIBLES ATTACKED NORWAY AND DENMARK! ON MAY 10TH, OUR STUKAS POUNCED WITHOUT WARNING ON HOLLAND AND BELGIUM! THE CITY OF ROTTERDAM GROVELED IN MOLTEN FLAMES...



I KNEW, AND THE OTHERS KNEW, TOO, THAT CIVILIZATION WOULD LONG REMEMBER THE RAPE OF HOLLAND AND BELGIUM, BUT I HELD MY HEAD HIGH...

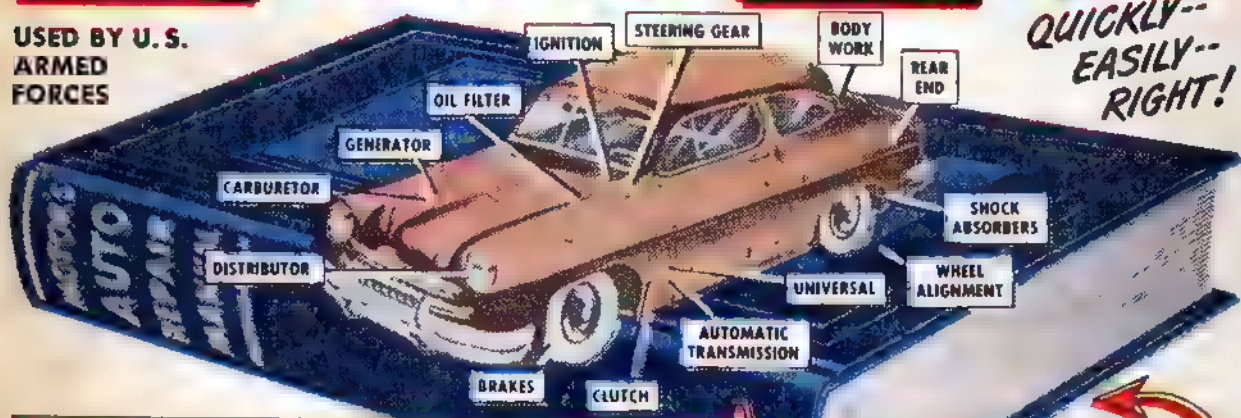


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WUNDERBAR... WUNDERBAR! I AM REVERSING HISTORY! THE ALLIES CRUSHED OUR HEADS INTO THE DIRT HERE AFTER THE LAST GREAT WAR... BUT NOW LOOK! IT IS WE WHO DICTATE THE TERMS!



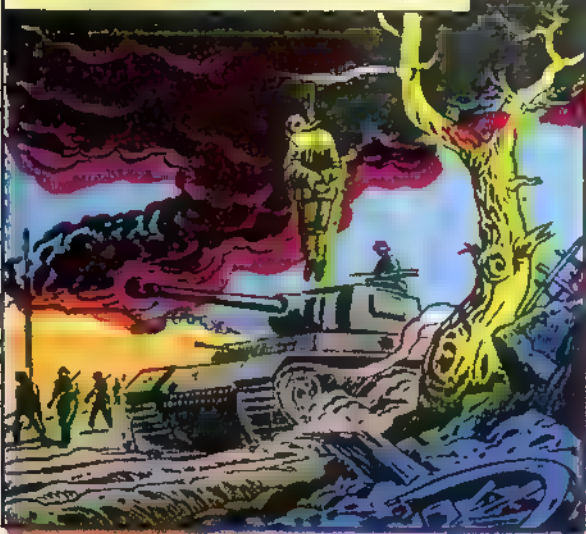
SHALL WE STOP HERE? NEVER... NEVER, DO YOU HEAR! WE SHALL NOT STOP UNTIL THE WORLD LIES AT OUR FEET! I... I ALONE WILL TAKE COMMAND OF THE MIGHT OF THE REICH!



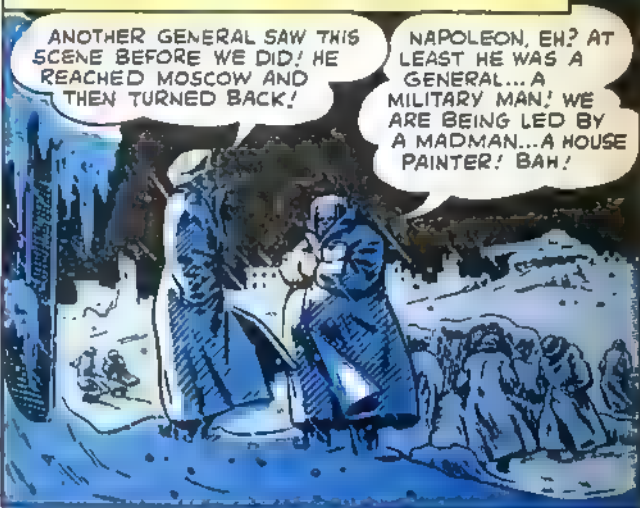
RUSSIA? YOU DARE ASK ME TO BE CAUTIOUS AT THIS POINT? WE HAVE BUT TO KICK IN THE DOOR AND THE HOUSE WILL COLLAPSE! NO! I SHALL LISTEN TO NO EXCUSES... NO WEAKNESS! THE DATE IS SET!



THE INITIAL ATTACK WAS EASY... A HOT KNIFE CUTTING THROUGH BUTTER...



BUT THE BUTTER SUDDENLY FROZE AND THE KNIFE WOULD MOVE NO FURTHER! THE FIRST GREAT REVERSAL CAME AT STALINGRAD...



ANOTHER GENERAL SAW THIS SCENE BEFORE WE DID! HE REACHED MOSCOW AND THEN TURNED BACK!

NAPOLEON, EH? AT LEAST HE WAS A GENERAL... A MILITARY MAN! WE ARE BEING LED BY A MADMAN... A HOUSE PAINTER! BAH!

A FEW ESCAPED THAT FRIGID DEATH, INCLUDING MYSELF! THERE WERE MOMENTS, LATER ON IN BERLIN, WHEN I WISHED I WERE BACK THERE...

I BEG OF YOU TO LISTEN, MEIN FUEHRER! OUR MIGHT IS SPREAD THIN ACROSS HALF THE WORLD! WAIT... LET US CONSOLIDATE WHILE THERE IS TIME! LET US STRENGTHEN WHAT WE ALREADY HOLD!

YOU FEAR THE AMERICANS, EH? I DO NOT! THEY SHALL SMASH THEMSELVES TO PIECES ON THE FORTRESS THAT IS GERMANY!



I AM NOT AFRAID OF THEIR BOMBERS! LET THEM COME BY THE THOUSANDS! THEY SHALL NEVER TOUCH THE HEART OF GERMANY! THEY SHALL NEVER DETER US FROM OUR PURPOSE!

IT IS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME! WE CANNOT SUPPLY OUR TROOPS TWO THOUSAND MILES AWAY WHILE THE AMERICANS DESTROY OUR INDUSTRIES AND OUR RAILROADS!

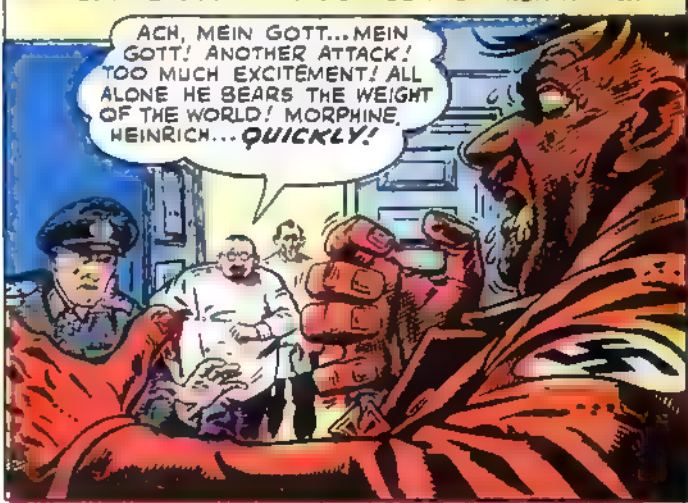


YOU PREACH DEFEATISM! I WILL NOT HEAR OF IT! I...I ALONE CONTROL THE ARMIES! I HAVE NO USE FOR YOU PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS! YOU ARE A MILLSTONE AROUND THE NECK OF A VICTORIOUS NATION!



FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES HE RAVED, HIS VOICE SHRILL LIKE AN INSANE ANIMAL'S, AND THEN HIS EYES TURNED UP AND HIS FACE BLACKENED! THE RABID DOG HAD TAKEN A FIT...

ACH, MEIN GOTT...MEIN GOTT! ANOTHER ATTACK! TOO MUCH EXCITEMENT! ALL ALONE HE BEARS THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD! MORPHINE, HEINRICH...**QUICKLY!**

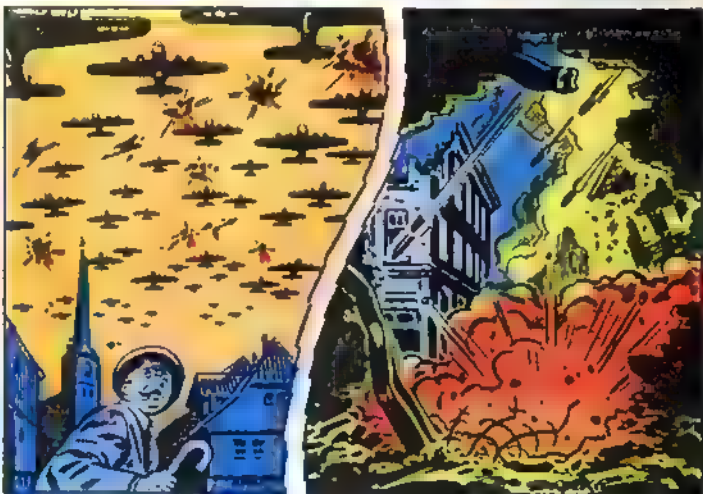


I WATCHED THE NEEOLE SINK INTO THE FLABBY FLESH AS LIFE FLUTTERED AND REVIVED! THEN THIS TOO WAS TRUE...THE MADMAN WAS ALSO A DOPE FIEND...

"LET THEIR BOMBERS COME BY THE THOUSANDS!" AND SO THEY DID...BY THE THOUSANDS, AND ON MARCH 6TH 1944, THEY PENETRATED THE HEART OF GERMANY...**BERLIN!**

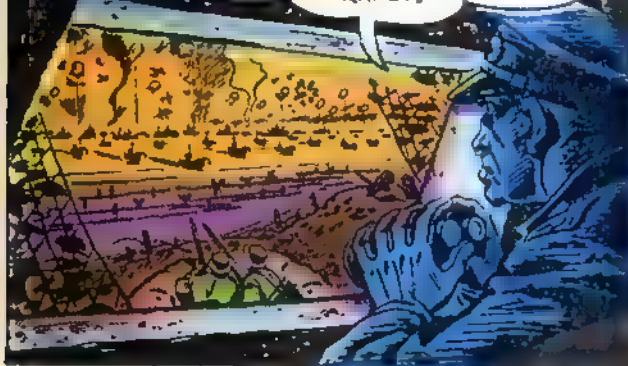
'RAUS! ALLES HERAUS! HE MUST HAVE PEACE AND QUIET! HIS LIFE IS TOO PRECIOUS TO BE ENDANGERED BY SUCH AS YOU!

SCHWEIN! VERFLUCHTES SCHWEIN!



THEY CAME IN APRIL AND IN MAY, BY DAY AND BY NIGHT...BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL JUNE 6TH THAT THE REAL TURNING POINT OF THE WAR CAME VIA THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY...

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END! THE OTHERS WE COULD HAVE HELD OFF...FOUGHT BACK, BUT NOT THE NATION THAT CAN PRODUCE SUCH AN ARMADA! DEUTSCHLAND IST KAPUT!



HEIL HITLER! YOU ARE ORDERED TO LEAVE AT ONCE FOR BERLIN HERR GENERAL! DER FUEHRER HAS SO ORDERED IT!



BERLIN WAS A MADHOUSE ENVELOPED IN FLAMES AND RUMORS! THE THOUSAND YEAR REICH WAS CRUMBLING...

UNSER HERMANN ONCE SAID NOT A SINGLE BOMBER WOULD REACH BERLIN! HAS HE BEEN AWAY?

JA, HERR GENERAL! HE IS STILL COLLECTING ART TREASURES AND BLONDES! DAS VERDAMMTE SCHWEIN!



THAT'S AN INTERESTING EXPRESSION! WHOM DO YOU BLAME FOR THE COMING CATASTROPHE, FRITZ?

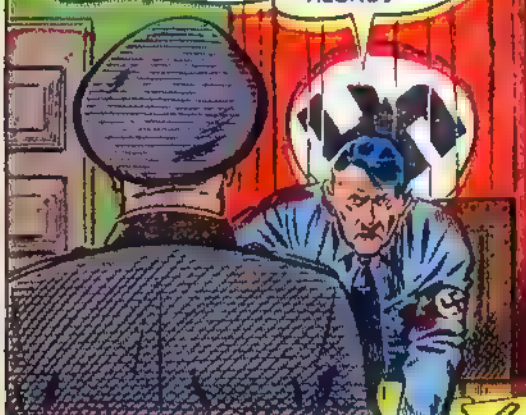
WHO? WHO? WHO ELSE BUT DAS SCHWEIN HITLER! WE WOULD HAVE WON THE WAR IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM!



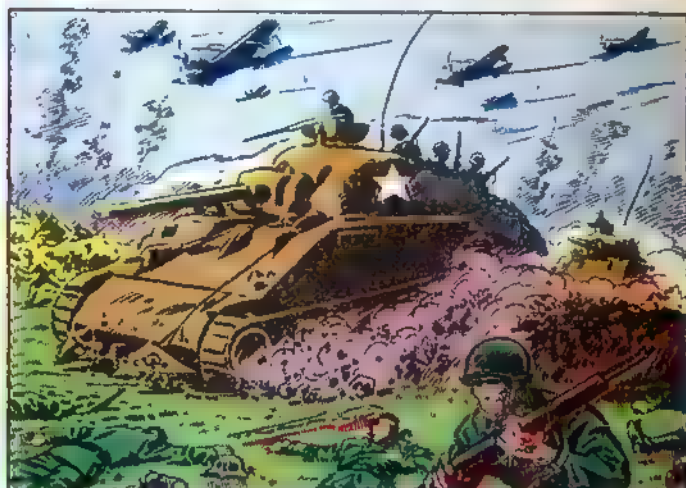
THAT IS ALL YOU BLAME, EH? HITLER? NO, MY DEAR FRITZ! IT IS YOU AND I AND THE REST WHO FOLLOWED HIM! WE CONCEIVED HIM AND LIVED IN HIS IMAGE! YOU ARE ONLY SORRY WE ARE LOSING AND THERE LIES OUR GUILT!



ACH SO... YOU HAVE COME! TELL ME, WHERE IS JODL? WHERE ARE THE FORCES THAT WERE TO SMASH THE AMERICANS? WHERE IS RUNDSTEDT? HAVE THEY ALL DESERTED ME LIKE RATS? MUST I FIGHT THE WAR ALONE?



HE RAVED ON IN HYSTERICAL ILLUSIONS AND FANTASIES, BUT MY MILITARY EYE WAS ELSEWHERE, WATCHING AN INVINCIBLE ARMY SMASH THROUGH OUR DEFENSES...



TIME NO LONGER MATTERED! SLOWLY, INEXORABLY, THE MIGHTY REICH, MY FATHERLAND, WAS SQUEEZED BACK INTO A CRUSHING SHELL FROM THE EAST, THE WEST, THE NORTH, THE SOUTH...

GO... GO, ALL OF YOU! I DO NOT WANT YOU HERE! SAVE YOUR PRECIOUS NECKS! THE ENEMY IS ALREADY KNOCKING AT THE GATE... BUT WE SHALL WIN! I AM RIGHT! I WAS RIGHT! WE SHALL WIN... WIN... WIN!



N-NO... I WAS WRONG... WRONG FROM THE BEGINNING, BUT I SHALL NEVER ADMIT IT! GERMANY WILL FALL, BUT SOMEHOW I SHALL DRAG THE WORLD DOWN TO RUINS WITH ME... IF NOT TODAY, TOMORROW!



THE END



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"We are going north along the coastline to see if the enemy has been building any coastal batteries. If we spot any we are to blast them with our guns and rockets." was what he told the Lieutenant. "I guess we can expect some kind of action."

Seaman Dave Midon was watching the sky which seemed so blue and clear. And then through his earphones came something strange. He was totally bewildered at what he heard.

"In the musical world the opera La Tosca is regarded with high esteem. You will now hear a recording prepared especially for the U. S. Navy. In case of an emergency we shall of course break into this recorded program."

The men had no choice but to listen. When it was over, Joe Campione at least had something to say that didn't consist of swear words.

"How can you use an opera to fight the enemy? That's all I want to know?"

Captain Ho-Shee had a brain storm. He went to the high council and begged permission to tell them what had been born in his unworthy brain. They granted this permission to a good soldier.

"In my home village of Mungnam lives the Honorable Sop-Go. He was a famous river pirate who captured many steamers. Our intelligence has told us that the new American Destroyer, "Swordfisher" is in our vicinity off the coast. Give me gold to tempt the Honorable Sop-Go to show us how to capture this destroyer. Think what

it would mean to our prestige."

The Honorable Sop-Go bowed low and then raised his narrow eyes as he greeted his visitor who placed upon a table five bars of gold.

"This is for you and there will be more," said Captain Ho-Shee, "if you can show us a plan how to capture an American Destroyer. What was the method you used to capture the Steamer 'Homeway'?"

The ex-river pirate was no fool. He had met Americans and knew they were the people who could always do the unexpected.



But there was gold to tempt him.

"My secret is simple," he replied. "I would take a small boat with ten of my best fighters. We would capsize near the boat we wished to capture. What do you think the Americans will do? Just what the British did. Rescue us and once aboard we get their guns."

So that was the secret of Sop-Go's success. The not so Honorable Captain Ho-Shee took out his service revolver and killed the man. He then took his gold bars from the table. What fools people were! All this information for nothing but three bullets!

There was a small boat coming close to the destroyer. The look-out was about to challenge her when the boat capsized. Immediately, he shouted at the top of his lungs.

"Men in the water! Lower boat to save them! They are drowning!!"

Half an hour later, ten drenched men were aboard the destroyer. They looked like a sorry lot when suddenly knives appeared and they went into action. It happened so suddenly that Seaman Dave Midon and his men were overpowered and the anti-aircraft gun was swung around to start blasting at the ship and the sailors running to their posts. Then came a powerful masculine voice that seemed right under the feet of the invaders.

"You will all die now for nothing can save you. Your hearts are full of deceit and treachery. All your plans must come to an end." There was some music and then shots. The invaders were unnerved for they all understood English but had never heard an opera. They hesitated for a second and were lost as a machine gun was turned on them. They jumped down in panic and some went overboard. But Seaman Dave Midon went into action and finished the earthly span of one Captain Ho-Shee.

There was a presidential citation for the "Swordfisher" and the sailors requested permission to give Lieutenant Fred Redstone a personal present.

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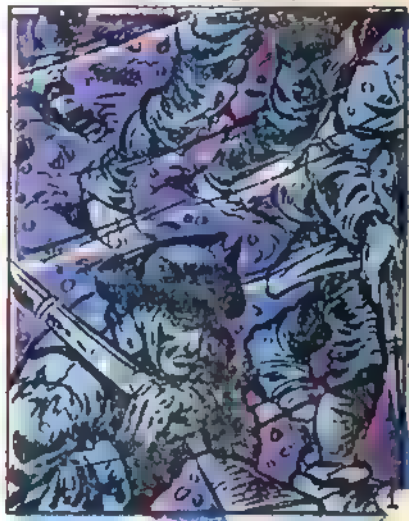
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GREATEST IN THE WORLD!

1776! WINTER CAME...THE WINTER
WHICH WAS TO BE THE DARKEST
HOUR OF THE WAR



YES, BOY, THIS IS A YEAR THAT'LL GO DOWN IN HISTORY, MARK MY WORDS! YOU'RE A MIGHTY LUCKY BOY TO BE AROUND TODAY THIS WAY... A DRUMMER BOY FIGHTIN' WITH GENERAL WASHINGTON'S ARMY! LIBERTY'S A HARD-WON THING, AND YOU'RE HAVIN' A HAND IN WINNIN' IT!

YES, SIR! WE WON'T LOSE THIS WAR, WILL WE, MR. CANE?

LOSE IT? HOW CAN WE LOSE IT, BOY, WITH MEN LIKE THESE? WE'RE FIGHTIN' FOR OUR WOMES AN' OUR LIVES... FOR THE RIGHT TO THINK AND ACT AS FREE MEN! NO, SIR... WE CAN'T LOSE, BOY, 'CAUSE WE WON'T BE BEATEN! NEVER FORGET THAT, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.

NO, MR. CANE, I WON'T!

SURE, IT LOOKS BAD! HERE WE ARE IN WHITE PLAINS WHERE GENERAL WASHINGTON LEFT US TO GUARD THE HUDSON VALLEY, WHILE HE WENT WITH THE OTHER HALF OF THE ARMY INTO NEW JERSEY TO DRAW THE ENGLISH AWAY FROM OUR SUPPLY SHIPS! WE'RE ALL FREEZIN', HALF-STARVED, ILL-CLAD AND BADLY ARMED... BUT WE AIN'T LOSIN', BOY! YOU HEAR ME? WE AIN'T LOSIN'!

NO, SIR!

YOU GOT TO HAVE FAITH, BOY! YOU GOT TO HAVE FAITH AND COURAGE!

YES, SIR! FAITH AND COURAGE!

THERE THEY WERE, A MAN AND A BOY... TWO OF THE TATTERED ARMY OF INDEPENDENCE... AN ARMY HELD TOGETHER ONLY BY THE THINNEST OF THREADS...

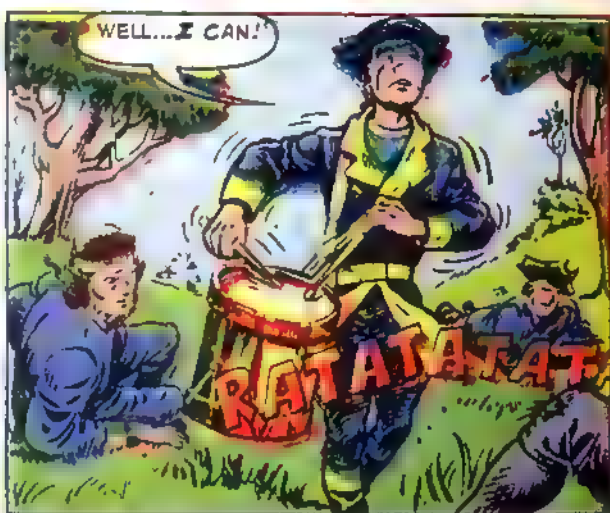
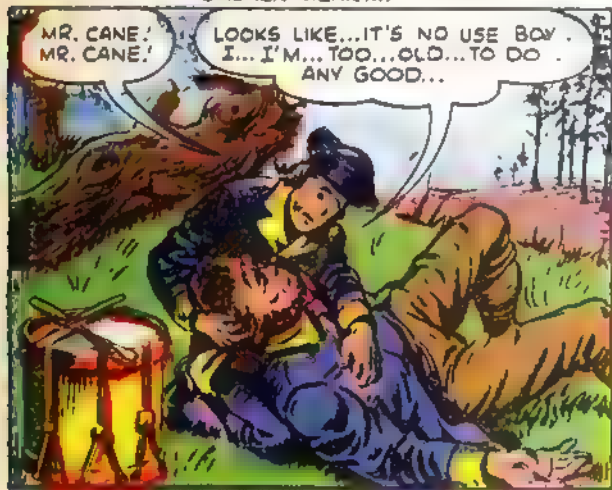
...FOR THE BRITISH JUGGERNAUT WAS ROLLING RELENTLESSLY OVER THE HILLS OF WHITE PLAINS...

FIRE!

...AND THE COLONISTS WERE SHOCKED OUT OF THEIR DREAM OF INDEPENDENCE!

TO YOUR POSTS!
TO YOUR POSTS!

...THE DARKEST HOUR... THE FIELD WAS LITTERED WITH THE AMERICAN DEAD AND WOUNDED; THE DRUMMER BOY WAS THE ONLY ONE LEFT UNHURT EXCEPT IN HIS BROKEN HEART...



...AND THE DRUMMER BOY MARCHED FORWARD TO MEET THE CONQUERING BRITISH... THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF A TATTERED ARMY.



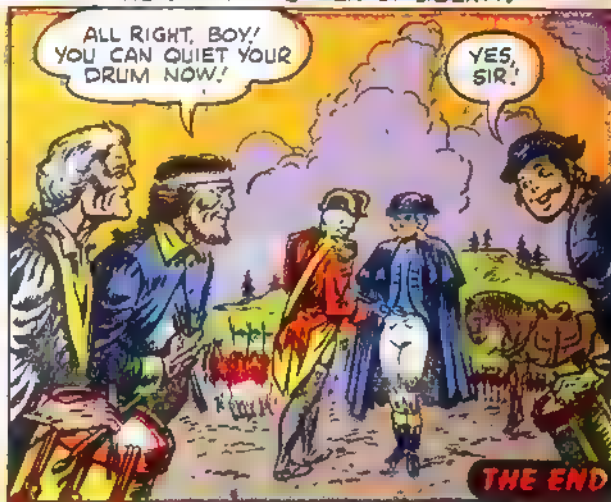
AN OLD DRUMMER AND THE FIFE PLAYER JOINED THE
BOY! TOGETHER THEY MARCHED TO MEET THE BRITISH!
THERE WAS NO DOUBT... NO FEAR N THEM! THIS WAS
THE TRUE SPIRIT OF 1776...

INSPIRED BY THE SIGHT, THE BATTERED AMERICANS
STRUGGLED TO THEIR FEET, PICKED UP THEIR MUSKETS
...AND JOINED THEM!



BUT LIBERTY WAS NOT TO BE DENIED...NOT WHILE IT
STILL LIVED IN EVEN BUT ONE MAN IN ALL THIS ARMY
OF FARMERS AND LABORERS... AND OLD MEN...AND
BOYS! THE AMERICANS HELD AT WHITE PLAINS AND
THE CAUSE FOR 'INDEPENDENCE' WAS FOUGHT FOR,
ON AND ON AND ON...

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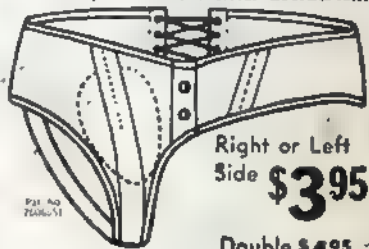
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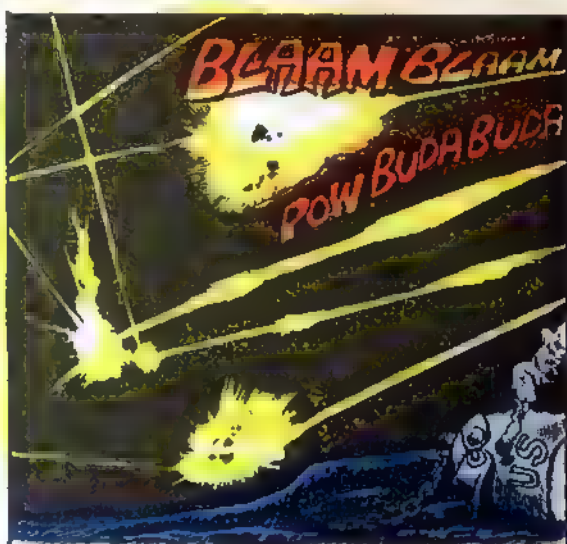
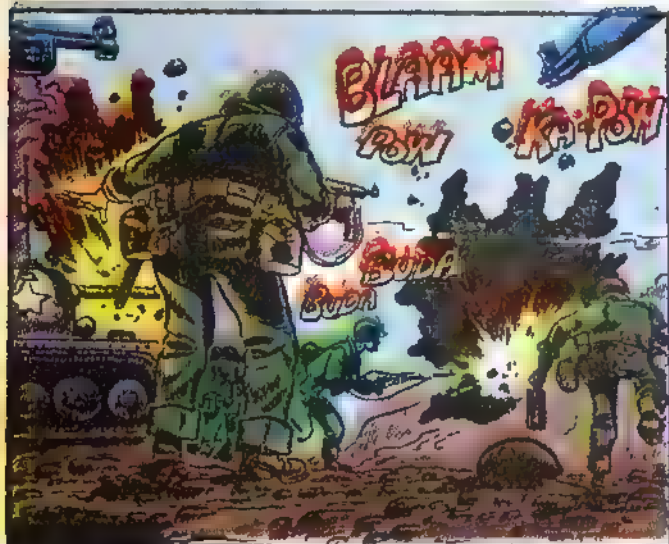
MAY 15, 1945! FOR THREE DAYS WE'D BEEN SMASHING FORWARD THROUGH TERRIFIC ENEMY OPPOSITION! NOW WE WERE AT THE BASE OF SUGAR LOAF HILL.



UP IN SHURI CASTLE THE JAPANESE COMMANDER, GENERAL UGHUIMA, WAS WRITING IN HIS DIARY! WE FOUND IT LATER...THAT'S HOW I KNOW WHAT HE WROTE...



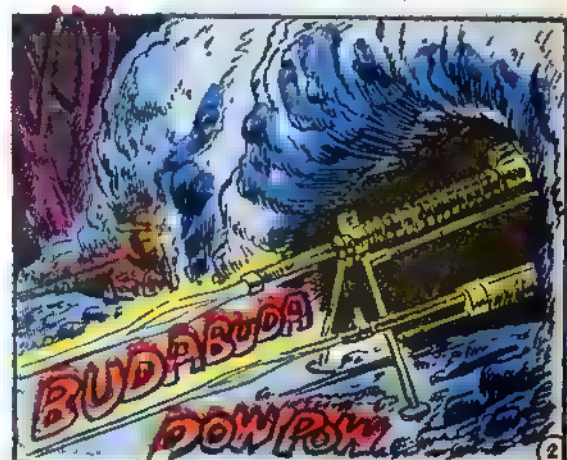
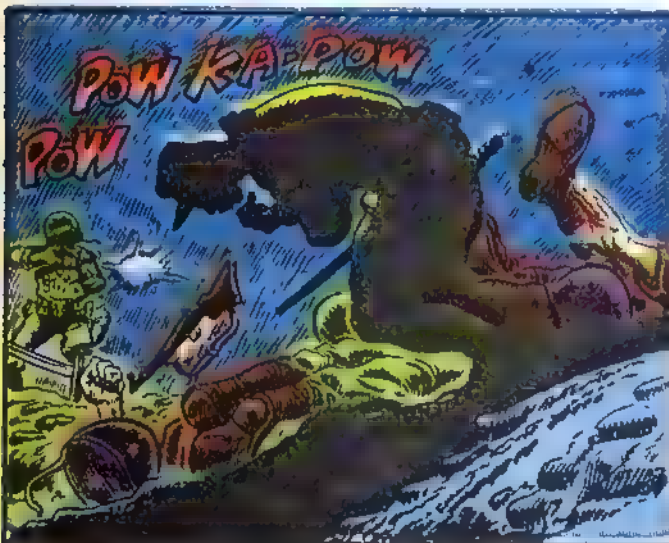
DAY AND NIGHT WE ASSAULTED THAT BLOODY MOUNTAIN... THEY POURED STEEL AT US, CUTTING US DOWN...



THEN WITH THE DEADLY FIRE FROM THE GAVES BEHIND THEM, THEY WOULD ATTACK...BANZAI CHARGES OF SUICIDE FORCES THAT OUTNUMBERED US TEN TO ONE...



THEIR BODIES PILED UP LIKE FIREWOOD IN FRONT OF US... BUT THEIR BANZAI CHARGES HELD US IN ONE POSITION LONG ENOUGH ON THAT BARE SLOPE, FOR THE NIPS IN THE CAVES TO CENTER THEIR FIRE ON US...AND IN THE END WE HAD TO RETREAT OR DIE...

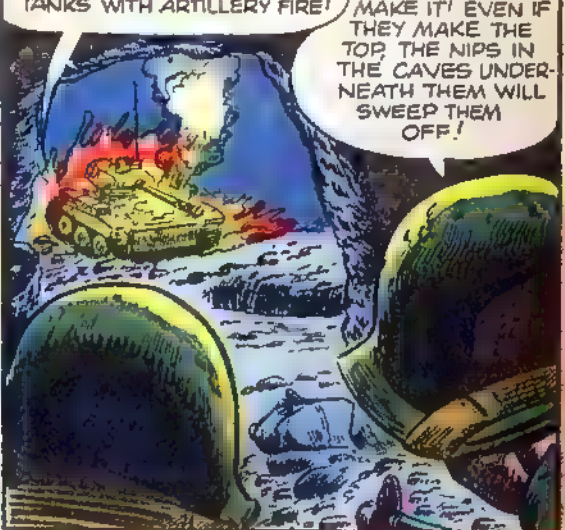


AS WE CAME DOWN, WE SAW OUR FOUR TANKS SPEAR-
HEAD ANOTHER ATTACK, WITH ANOTHER DIVISION...



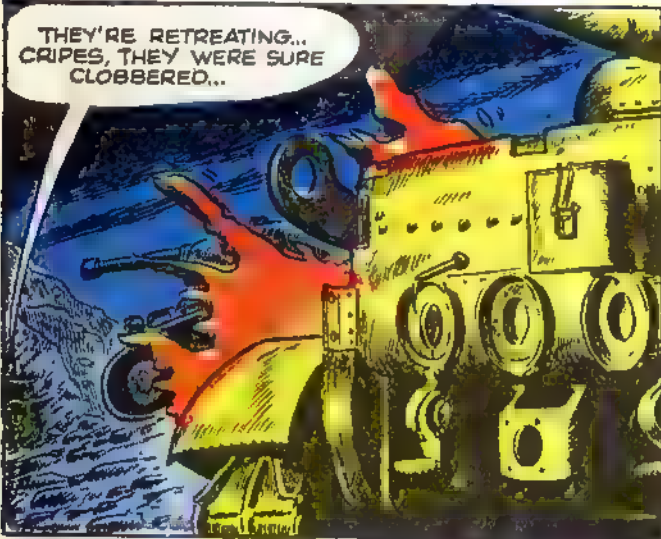
THEY'VE PINPOINTED OUR
TANKS WITH ARTILLERY FIRE!

OUR
TANKS'LL NEVER
MAKE IT! EVEN IF
THEY MAKE THE
TOP THE NIPS IN
THE CAVES UNDER-
NEATH THEM WILL
SWEEP THEM
OFF!

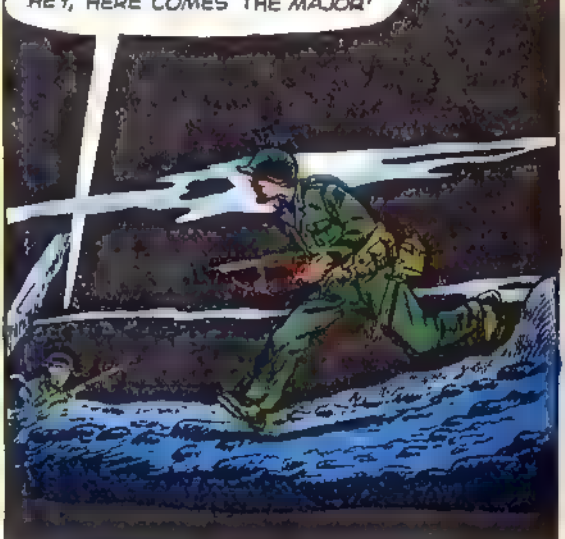


THREE OF OUR FOUR TANKS WERE SMASHED...

THEY'RE RETREATING...
CRIPES, THEY WERE SURE
CLOBBERED...



HEY, HERE COMES THE MAJOR!

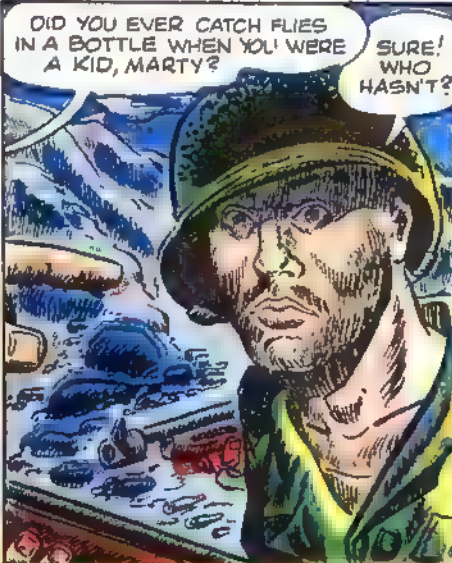


LISTEN, YOU PEOPLE, OUR
SUPPLIES AND AMMO'S RUNNING
OUT! THAT HILL'S HONEYCOMBED
WITH CAVES AND TUNNELS
LEADING FROM ONE TO THE
OTHER! WE'VE ASSAULTED IT
EIGHT TIMES... OUR LOSSES
HAVE BEEN TERRIFIC...
BUT WE'VE GOT
TO TAKE IT!

HOW
WE GONNA
DO THAT,
MAJOR?

DID YOU EVER CATCH FLIES
IN A BOTTLE WHEN YOU WERE
A KID, MARTY?

SURE!
WHO
HASN'T?



HOW DID YOU
KEEP THEM FROM
GETTING OUT OF
THE BOTTLE
AGAIN?

PUT
THE
STOPPER
IN THE
BOTTLE!



RIGHT! THAT'S WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO HERE...PUT STOPPERS IN THOSE CAVES AND SEAL THE NIPS IN!

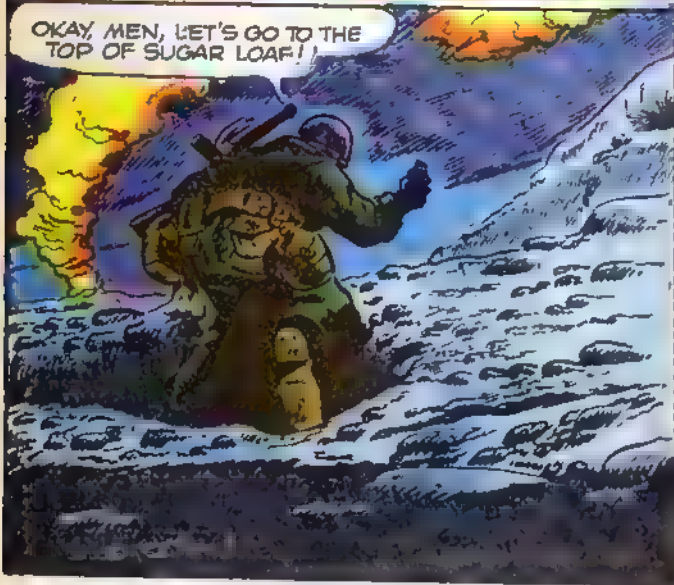
I STILL DON'T SEE HOW WE'RE GONNA DO IT, MAJOR!



IF WE DON'T TAKE THAT HILL TONIGHT, THE NIPS WILL BE DOWN HERE TO DRIVE US OFF THE ISLAND IN THE MORNING! I WANT VOLUNTEERS FOR A BANZAI CHARGE OF OUR OWN! IF WE CAN REACH THE TOP AND START ENOUGH OF A DIVERSION, OUR ARMOR AND THE OTHER DIVISION CAN SEAL THOSE CAVES!

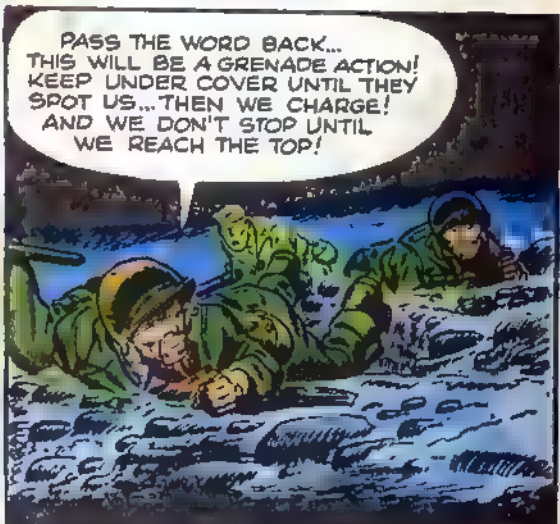


OKAY, MEN, LET'S GO TO THE TOP OF SUGAR LOAF!!



LIKE ONE MAN, WE CRAWLED AFTER HIM... EVEN THE WOUNDED..

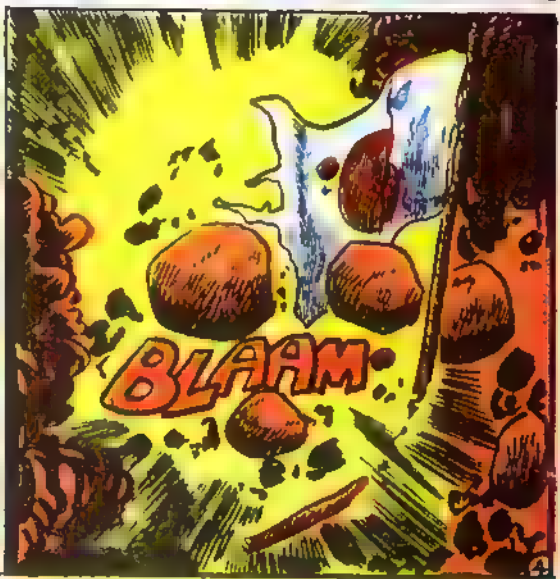
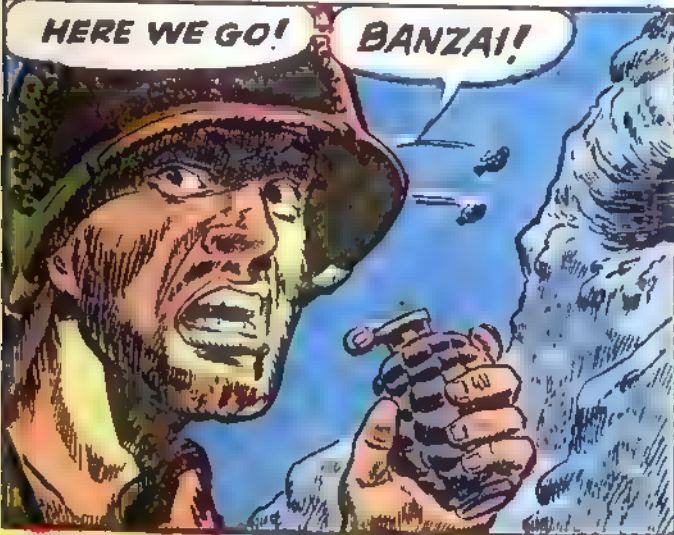
PASS THE WORD BACK... THIS WILL BE A GRENADE ACTION! KEEP UNDER COVER UNTIL THEY SPOT US... THEN WE CHARGE! AND WE DON'T STOP UNTIL WE REACH THE TOP!



A FEW MINUTES LATER THEY SAW US AND...WE CHARGED.

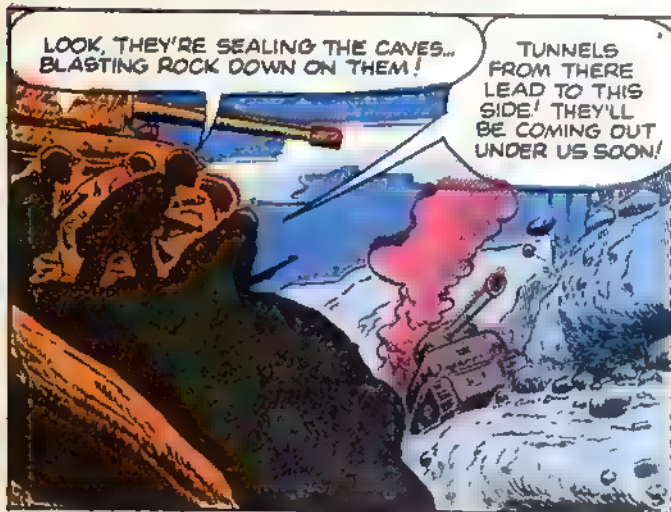
HERE WE GO!

BANZAI!!

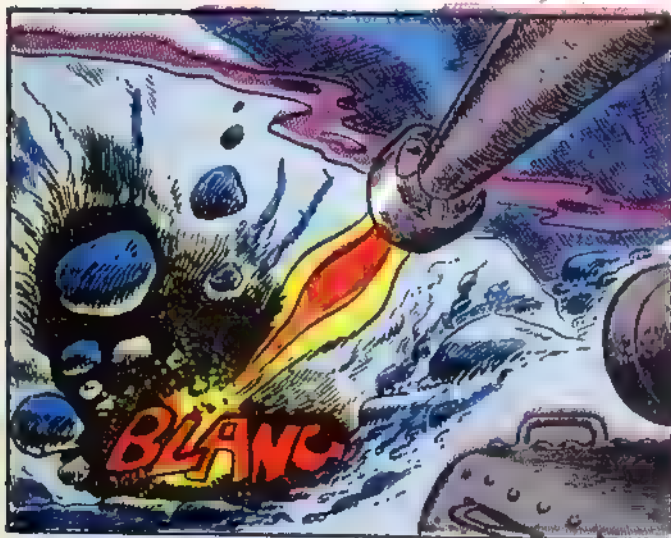


WE CLAWED OUR WAY TO THE TOP OF THAT HILL AND DUG IN! NOW WE COULD SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SLOPE..

WITH FLAME THROWERS AND GRENADES. THE OTHER DIVISION KEPT THE JAPS INSID'



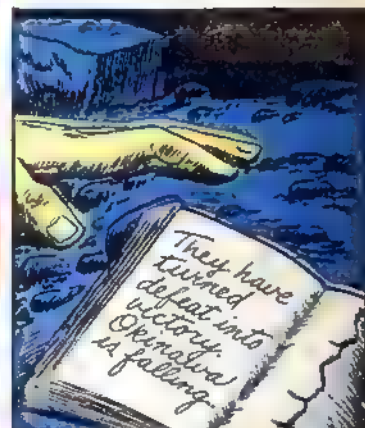
WHILE THE TANKS BLASTED ROCK OVER THE MOUTHS TO SEAL THEM!



OUR TANK CAME TO OUR SUPPORT THEN, AND THE OTHER DIVISION FOLLOWED...



THAT'S THE WAY WE TOOK SUGAR LOAF HILL, AND SHURI CASTLE! THAT DIARY WE FOUND IN THE RUBBLE OF SHURI CASTLE HAD GENERAL USHIJIMA'S LAST ENTRY IN IT...



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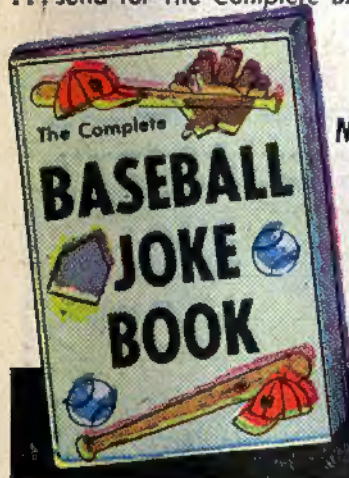
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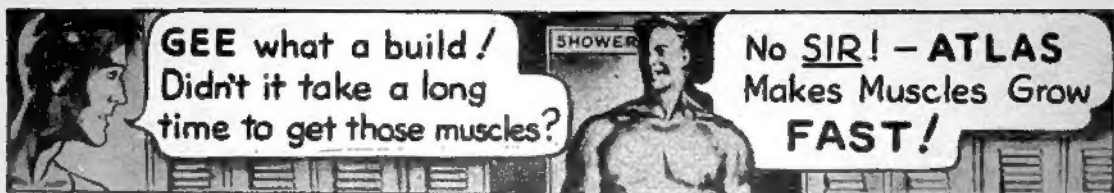
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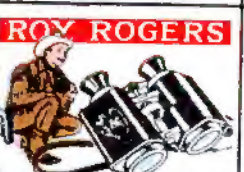
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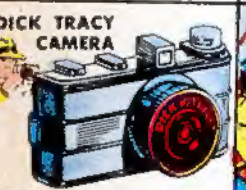
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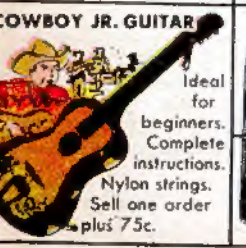
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